



Request for Decision

Council Meeting: November 12, 2019

8.20 Letter to Minister of Agriculture re Funding

Request

While talking with Alberta Agriculture personnel during the NE Regional Conference, I was advised that a letter should be written to the Minister of Alberta Agriculture in regards to the future of ASB funding. Basically, we need to determine what the funding budget is based on the grant we receive from the province on the 3-year strategic plan. There has been discussion on moving to a 5-year strategic plan. The funding grant that the County receives annually is 168,359.

The streamline of funding for ASBs has been based from lotteries and there has been discussion about that stream of funding being cut. We have had no indications if funds will be reduced or remain the same for Ag Service Boards.

Alternatives

Recommendation

Administration is recommending writing a letter to the Minister of Agriculture regarding the future of ASB funding.

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